

Appl. No. 10/624,091
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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are formal drawings which omit dimensions and add the reference numerals added to the specification in Figures 1-4 and omit some text shown in Figure 5.

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REMARKS

The specification, drawings, and claims have been amended. No new matter has been added to the application.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The text of the amendments has been taken from applicant's prior US patent incorporated by reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,238,069). New drawings are attached which include reference numerals.

The Examiner has stated that the expressions "the external supply ring" and "the tool" in claim 1, lines 6-7 have no proper antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome this objection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



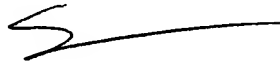
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